

REMARKS

Entry of the preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4-13 are pending in this application. In the amendments to the claims, claims 1 and 4-13 are canceled and claims 14-24 are added. It is believed that no new matter is added in claims 14-24. The feature of the check valves in claims 14-17 are supported by Figures 8-11.

Claim 14 is the only independent claim. With regard to claim 14, none of the references, Korean Application No. 20-2003-0021484 to Lee, US 3,779,383 to Ayres, and US 3,799,342 to Greenspan, either alone or in combination discloses “the opening and closing device for opening and closing the free oil discharging hole comprises a first check valve disposed at one side of the free oil discharging hole and a second check valve disposed at the opposite side of the free oil discharging hole and operated by an external force” as recited in claim 14. Therefore, claim 14 is distinguished from the above mentioned cited references because every feature of claim 14 is not disclosed by the cited references either alone or in combination.

With regard to claims 15-25, Applicant submits that these claims would be in condition for allowance based on the limitations included in claim 14.

In view of the amendments to the claims and foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectively submitted,

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